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1. BANK WORKERS IN LIMA ARE EXPECTED STRIKE MAY 11
AND 14 PROTESTING NEW RETIREMENT LAW, AND TEACHERS MAY
BEGIN NATIONWIDE STRIKE TODAY DEMANDING INCREASED
SALARIES. BOTH STRIKES WOULD TEND EMBARRASS GOVT.

2. GENERAL STRIKES IN SOUTHERN DEPARTMENTS OF
AREQUIPA AND MOQUEGUA CONTINUE AND MAY SPREAD TO
NEIGHBORING PUNO DEPT TODAY. YESTERDAY, ACCORDING
PRESS, VIOLENT CLASH BETWEEN STRIKERS AND POLICE
OCCURRED IN AREQUIPA. MOSCOW COMMUNIST LABOR
CONFEDERATION CGTP TODAY PUBLISHED NEWSPAPER
ADVERTISEMENT IN WHICH, AFTER EXPRESSING SYMPATHY
WITH STRIKERS, CONFEDERATION CALLED FOR EARLY
SETTLEMENT.

3. GOVT REPRESENTATIVES IN CHIMBOTE YESTERDAY CALLED
PRESS CONF TO DENOUNCE " PLAN OF TERRORISM" AFTER
ALLEGEDLY FINDING CACHE OF MOLOTOV COCKTAILS AND
ANTI- GOVT PROPAGANDA. CHIMBOTE HAS BEEN SCENE OF
DISORDERS CAUSED BY INTERNAL DISPUTE IN FISHERMEN' S
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4. COMMENT: UNUSUALLY HIGH NUMBER OF ANTI- GOVT
STRIKES PROBABLY WILL MAKE SECRETARY' S HOSTS HERE
SOMEWHAT MORE TENSE, BUT STRIKES THEMSELVES AS OF
NOW HAVE NO ANTI- U. S. THEMES. SITUATION SO FAR IS
WELL WITHIN SECURITY FORCES' CAPABILITY TO CONTROL.
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